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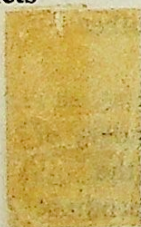
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Sir,

**Local Government Reorganisation in England :
Proposed New Areas**

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Environment to refer to the White Paper "Local Government in England: Government Proposals for Reorganisation" (Cmnd 4584) which has been published today.
2. In the Government's view the interests of local government as a whole will now best be served by proceeding without delay towards the implementation of the changes outlined in the White Paper. It is their aim, therefore, to introduce a Bill in the next session of Parliament which they hope will be passed in time for the new authorities to be elected in 1973, and take over their full functions in April 1974.
3. Many matters of detail will need to be considered and discussed with local government bodies during the preparation of legislation and its implementation. These consultations must be arranged and carried through within a tight timetable, but the Government are confident that the pressures involved will be accepted as preferable to any further delay, now that firm proposals for the new structure have been published.
4. First among the matters on which consultations are needed is the new pattern of areas, on which the Government are anxious that local authorities should have a full opportunity to make their views known.
5. The accompanying map and the appendices to this circular set out proposals for the future counties and the districts* in the metropolitan counties, and give details of their estimated populations and rateable values. It is the Government's intention to define these areas in the legislation but they will reach conclusions on areas and boundaries only in the light of the views sent to them in response to this circular.
6. Consultations on areas will take place in the light of the Government's decisions, set out in the White Paper, as regards the local government structure and the timetable for legislation and implementation. It would be right to stress, therefore, that the Government's proposals for reorganisation are based upon the need for two levels of executive authorities throughout the country, and they are not prepared to entertain representations contrary to this view.

**The new counties
and metropolitan
districts**



* The White Paper, for convenience, generally refers to the more local of the operational levels as "districts", but without prejudging how or to what extent the special attributes of boroughs should be retained. This circular uses the same terminology.

7. The White Paper also makes it clear:

- a. that, in the case of authorities which will be responsible for education and the local authority personal social services, it is desirable to think in terms of a population base of at least 250,000; only in special circumstances should a new unit be established with a population below this figure;
- b. that the Government consider it appropriate to establish a metropolitan type of structure only in the six areas of Merseyside, South-East Lancashire and North-East Cheshire (Selnece), the West Midlands, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and the Tyne and Wear area. For reasons indicated in paragraph 31 of the White Paper, they have concluded that this structure would not be appropriate elsewhere.

8. Subject to these points it is open to your Council to propose alternative areas or boundaries. The repercussions of any alternative proposals must be considered, however, and councils which have in mind putting forward alternative suggestions are asked to discuss these with the other authorities affected, and to indicate what consequential changes may be needed to ensure that the pattern of areas still conforms, as a whole, to the criteria which the Government have adopted.

9. On practical matters:

- i. your Council are asked to let the Department have their views on the proposed areas illustrated in the accompanying map, and any alternative suggestions, by the end of May 1970;
- ii. alternative areas should be defined precisely by reference, wherever possible, to an existing county, borough, district or parish boundary and preferably illustrated by a map or maps;
- iii. councils are asked to include, in their written comments, all the views they wish taken into account and it is important that copies of comments and any alternative proposals should be sent, not only to the Department, but also to other authorities affected;
- iv. it would assist in handling the replies to this circular if authorities would send the Department ten copies of their written views, and three copies of any map, and would indicate to which other authorities these documents have also been sent.

10. The Government do not propose to review the outer boundary of Greater London as part of the current exercise. Machinery for the modification of this boundary is contained in the London Government Act 1963.

11. The proposed reorganisation of local government will include a review of existing boroughs and districts throughout the country and a substantial reduction in the number of units at this level. In view of the number of authorities involved, it is not practicable to settle the new pattern of districts in the Bill itself, so far as the counties outside the metropolitan areas are concerned. The White Paper indicates the intention that in these counties the

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new districts will be defined by Order after the Bill has been passed, but in time for all the new district councils to be elected during 1973 and take over their full functions in April 1974.

12. The Government intend to appoint a separate Local Government Boundary Commission who would make recommendations regarding the pattern of the new districts outside the metropolitan counties. The Government have in mind to bring the proposed Boundary Commission into existence as early as possible and while the Bill is before Parliament.

13. The way in which the Boundary Commission would work is a matter for consideration in consultation with the local authority associations and the Department will be issuing a further circular on matters relating to areas. The White Paper emphasises, however, that the Government are determined to offer local communities, authorities and interests the greatest opportunity for local initiatives in drawing up proposals for the new pattern of districts. In preparing their recommendations the Boundary Commission would take account of local proposals.

14. In these circumstances, existing borough and district councils will wish to consider how their areas might be affected by reorganisation. In doing so, they should take account of paragraphs 33 and 34 of the White Paper which suggest how the new districts might be formed, and indicate the Government's expectation that where there is need for the creation of larger units than exist at present, the Government would expect the new districts to have populations ranging upwards from 40,000, save in sparsely populated areas.

15. In view of the comprehensive changes which will take effect in 1974, the Secretary of State will not be prepared, save in most exceptional circumstances, to consider further proposals under the Local Government Act 1933 for the modification of existing county, borough or district boundaries.

16. Paragraph 39 of the White Paper says that it would be desirable, in due course, to review parish boundaries as there are many places where small parishes could, with advantage, be amalgamated to form fewer units. Priority must be given, however, to establishing the new system at the two main operational levels. In the meantime, the Secretary of State would be willing to entertain agreed proposals, under the 1933 Act, for the alteration of the boundaries of rural parishes.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

J. D. JONES

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The Proposed New Areas

Appendix A

Reference number of proposed new area	Existing administrative counties and county boroughs comprised in each of the proposed new areas	
	Administrative Counties	County Boroughs
1	Northumberland, except for the areas in Area 2.	
2	<i>District (a)</i> In Northumberland, the urban districts of Gosforth and Newburn; in the rural district of Castle Ward, the parishes of Brunswick, Dinnington, Hazlerigg, Heddon-on-the-Wall, North Gosforth, Ponteland and Woolsington; the Moot Hall and Precincts, Newcastle upon Tyne.	Newcastle upon Tyne.
	<i>District (b)</i> In Northumberland, the boroughs of Wallsend and Whitley Bay; the urban districts of Longbenton and Seaton Valley.	Tynemouth.
	<i>District (c)</i> In Durham, the urban districts of Blaydon, Felling, Ryton and Whickham; in the rural district of Chester-le-Street, the parishes of Birtley, Lamesley and Ouston.	Gateshead.
	<i>District (d)</i> In Durham, the borough of Jarrow; the urban districts of Boldon and Hebburn.	South Shields.

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2 <i>continued</i>	<i>District (e)</i> In Durham, the urban districts of Hetton, Houghton-le-Spring, Seaham and Washington; in the rural district of Chester-le-Street, the parishes of Harraton and South Biddick; in the rural district of Easington, the parishes of Burdon, Cold Hesledon, Dalton-le-Dale, East Murton, Hawthorn, Seaton with Slingley and Warden Law.	Sunderland.
3	Durham, except for the areas in Areas 2 and 4. In Yorkshire, North Riding, the rural districts of Croft and Startforth.	Darlington.
4	In Durham, the rural district of Stockton; the rural district of Easington, except for the parishes in Area 2. In Yorkshire, North Riding, the urban districts of Guisborough, Loftus, Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea, Skelton and Brotton and Whitby; the rural districts of Stokesley and Whitby.	Hartlepool. Teesside.

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	Administrative Counties	County Boroughs
5	Yorkshire, North Riding, except for the areas in Areas 3 and 4. In Yorkshire, East Riding, the urban district of Norton; the rural districts of Derwent and Norton; in the rural district of Pocklington, the parishes of Allerthorpe, Barmby Moor, Bielby, Bishop Wilton, Bugthorpe, Catton, Cottingwith, Fangfoss, Full Sutton, Kirby Underdale, Melbourne, Millington, Pocklington, Seaton Ross, Skirpenbeck, Stamford Bridge, Sutton upon Derwent, Thornton, Wilberfoss and Yapham. In Yorkshire, West Riding, the city of Ripon; the urban district of Selby; the rural districts of Ripon and Pateley Bridge, Sedbergh and Selby; the rural districts of Nidderdale, Tadcaster and Wetherby, except for the parishes in Area 6; the rural district of Settle, except for the parishes in Area 10; the rural district of Skipton, except for the parishes in Areas 6 and 10.	York.
6	<i>District (a)</i> In Yorkshire, West Riding, the borough of Keighley; the urban districts of Baildon, Bingley, Denholme, Ilkley, Queensbury and Shelf, Shipley, Silsden and Skipton; in the rural district of Skipton, the parishes of Addingham, Beamsley, Bolton Abbey, Bradleys Both, Broughton, Carleton, Cononley, Cowling, Draughton, Elslack, Embsay with Eastby, Farnhill, Glusburn, Halton East, Hazlewood with Storiths, Kildwick, Lothersdale, Steeton with Eastburn, Stirton with Thorlby and Sutton.	Bradford.

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6 <i>continued</i>	<i>District (b)</i> In Yorkshire, West Riding, the boroughs of Harrogate, Morley and Pudsey; the urban districts of Aireborough, Garforth, Horsforth, Knaresborough, Otley and Rothwell; the rural district of Wharfedale; in the rural district of Nidderdale, the parishes of Arkendale, Brearton, Burton Leonard, Coneythorpe and Clareton, Copgrove, Farnham, Felliscliffe, Ferrensby, Flaxby, Follifoot, Goldsborough, Great Ribston with Walshford, Hampsthwaite, Haverah Park, Killinghall, Knaresborough Outer, Nidd, Pannal, Plompton, Ripley, Scotton, Scriven, South Stainley with Cayton, Staveley and Walkingham Hill with Occaney; in the rural district of Tadcaster, the parishes of Aberford, Austhorpe, Barkston, Barwick in Elmet and Scholes, Great and Little Preston, Huddleston with Newthorpe, Lead, Ledsham, Ledston, Lotherton cum Aberford, Micklefield, Parlington, Saxton with Scarthingwell, Sherburn in Elmet, South Milford, Sturton Grange, Stutton with Hazlewood, Swillington and Towton; in the rural district of Wetherby, the parishes of Bardsey cum Rigton, Boston Spa, Bramham cum Oglethorpe, Clifford, Collingham, East Keswick, Harewood, Kearby with Netherby, Kirkby Overblow, Kirk Deighton, Little Ribston, North Deighton, Rigton, Scarcroft, Sicklinghall, Spofforth with Stockeld, Thorne, Thorp Arch, Walton, Weeton, Wetherby and Wothersome.	Leeds.
	<i>District (c)</i> In Yorkshire, West Riding, the boroughs of Brighouse and Todmorden; the urban districts of Elland, Hebden Royd, Ripponden and Sowerby Bridge; the rural district of Hepton.	Halifax.

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6 <i>continued</i>	<i>District (d)</i> In Yorkshire, West Riding, the boroughs of Batley, Ossett and Spenborough; the urban districts of Colne Valley, Denby Dale, Heckmondwike, Holmfirth, Kirkburton, Meltham and Mirfield.	Dewsbury. Huddersfield.
	<i>District (e)</i> In Yorkshire, West Riding, the boroughs of Castleford and Pontefract; the urban districts of Featherstone, Hemsworth, Horbury, Knottingley, Normanton and Stanley; the rural districts of Osgoldcross and Wakefield; the rural district of Hemsworth, except for the parishes in Area 7.	Wakefield.
7	<i>District (a)</i> In Yorkshire, West Riding, the urban districts of Cudworth, Darfield, Darton, Dearne, Dodworth, Hoyland Nether, Penistone, Royston, Wombwell and Worsbrough; the rural district of Penistone; in the rural district of Hemsworth, the parishes of Billingley, Brierley, Great Houghton, Little Houghton and Shafton; in the rural district of Wortley, the parishes of Tankersley and Wortley.	Barnsley.
	<i>District (b)</i> In Yorkshire, West Riding, the urban districts of Adwick le Street, Bentley with Arksey, Conisbrough, Mexborough and Tickhill; the rural districts of Doncaster and Thorne.	Doncaster.

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7 <i>continued</i>	<i>District (c)</i> In Derbyshire, the urban district of Dronfield; in the rural district of Chesterfield, the parishes of Eckington and Killamarsh; in the rural district of Clowne, the parish of Barlborough. In Yorkshire, West Riding, the urban district of Stocksbridge; in the rural district of Wortley, the parishes of Bradfield and Ecclesfield.	Sheffield.
	<i>District (d)</i> In Yorkshire, West Riding, the urban districts of Maltby, Rawmarsh, Swinton and Wath upon Dearne; the rural districts of Kiveton Park and Rotherham.	Rotherham.
8	Yorkshire, East Riding, except for the areas in Area 5. In Yorkshire, West Riding, the borough of Goole; the rural district of Goole.	Kingston upon Hull.
9	Cumberland. Westmorland. In Lancashire, the urban districts of Dalton-in-Furness, Grange and Ulverston; the rural district of North Lonsdale.	Barrow-in-Furness. Carlisle.

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10	Lancashire, except for the areas in Areas 9, 11, 12 and 13. In Yorkshire, West Riding, the urban districts of Barnoldswick and Earby; the rural district of Bowland; in the rural district of Settle, the parishes of Austwick, Bentham, Burton in Lonsdale, Clapham cum Newby, Ingleton, Lawkland and Thornton in Lonsdale; in the rural district of Skipton, the parishes of Bracewell, Brogden, Martons Both, Salterforth and Thornton in Craven.	Blackburn. Blackpool. Burnley. Preston. Southport.
11	<i>District (a)</i> In Lancashire, the borough of Crosby; the urban districts of Formby and Litherland; in the rural district of West Lancashire, the parishes of Aintree, Altcar, Aughton, Downholland, Ince Blundell, Lydiate, Maghull, Melling, Netherton, Sefton and Thornton.	Bootle.
	<i>District (b)</i> In Lancashire, in the rural district of Whiston, the parishes of Hale and Halewood.	Liverpool.

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11 <i>continued</i>	<i>District (c)</i> In Lancashire, the urban districts of Haydock, Huyton-with-Roby, Kirkby, Newton-le-Willows, Prescott, Rainford and Skelmersdale and Holland; the urban district of Billinge-and-Winstanley, except for the part of the Winstanley ward in Area 12(a); in the urban district of Ashton-in-Makerfield, the South ward; the rural district of Whiston, except for the parishes in Area 11(b); in the rural district of West Lancashire, the parishes of Bickerstaffe and Simonswood.	St. Helens.
	<i>District (d)</i> In Cheshire, the boroughs of Bebington and Ellesmere Port; the urban districts of Hoylake, Neston and Wirral; in the rural district of Chester, the parishes of Capenhurst, Elton, Ledsham, Little Stanney and Thornton-le-Moors.	Birkenhead. Wallasey.
12	<i>District (a)</i> In Lancashire, the borough of Leigh; the urban districts of Abram, Aspull, Atherton, Hindley, Ince-in-Makerfield, Orrell, Standish-with-Langtree and Tyldesley; the urban district of Ashton-in-Makerfield, except for the ward in Area 11(c); the urban district of Golborne, except for the wards in Area 13; in the urban district of Billinge-and-Winstanley, the Winstanley ward except for the detached parts; the rural district of Wigan.	Wigan.

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12 <i>continued</i>	<i>District (b)</i> In Lancashire, the borough of Farnworth; the urban districts of Blackrod, Horwich, Kearsley, Little Lever, Turton and Westhoughton.	Bolton.
	<i>District (c)</i> In Lancashire, the boroughs of Heywood and Radcliffe; the urban districts of Littleborough, Milnrow, Ramsbottom, Tottington, Wardle, Whitefield and Whitworth.	Bury. Rochdale.
	<i>District (d)</i> In Lancashire, the boroughs of Eccles, Prestwich and Swinton and Pendlebury; the urban districts of Irlam and Worsley.	Salford.
	<i>District (e)</i> In Cheshire, in the rural district of Bucklow, the parish of Ringway.	Manchester.
	<i>District(f)</i> In Lancashire, the borough of Middleton; the urban districts of Chadderton, Crompton, Failsworth, Lees and Royton. In Yorkshire, West Riding, the urban district of Saddleworth.	Oldham.

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12 <i>continued</i>	<i>District (g)</i> In Cheshire, the boroughs of Altrincham and Sale; the urban districts of Bowdon and Hale; in the rural district of Bucklow, the parishes of Carrington, Dunham Massey, Partington and Warburton. In Lancashire, the borough of Stretford; the urban district of Urmston.	
	<i>District (h)</i> In Cheshire, the urban districts of Alderley Edge, Bredbury and Romiley, Cheadle and Gatley, Hazel Grove and Bramhall, Marple and Wilmslow; the rural district of Disley; in the rural district of Macclesfield, the parish of Poynton-with-Worth. In Derbyshire, the urban districts of New Mills and Whaley Bridge.	Stockport.
	<i>District (j)</i> In Cheshire, the boroughs of Dukinfield, Hyde and Stalybridge; the urban district of Longdendale; the rural district of Tintwistle. In Derbyshire, the borough of Glossop; in the rural district of Chapel en le Frith, the parishes of Charlesworth and Chisworth. In Lancashire, the boroughs of Ashton-under-Lyne and Mossley; the urban districts of Audenshaw, Denton and Droylsden.	

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13	Cheshire, except for the areas in Areas 11 and 12. In Lancashire, the borough of Widnes; in the urban district of Golborne, the wards of Culcheth and Newchurch; the rural district of Warrington.	Chester. Warrington.
14	Staffordshire, except for the areas in Areas 15, 16 and 17.	Burton upon Trent. Stoke-on-Trent.
15	<i>District (a)</i> In Staffordshire, in the rural district of Seisdon, the parishes of Codsall, Lower Penn, Wombourne and Wrottesley.	Wolverhampton.
	<i>District (b)</i> In Staffordshire, the urban district of Aldridge-Brownhills.	Walsall.
	<i>District (c)</i> In Staffordshire, in the rural district of Seisdon, the parish of Himley. In Worcestershire, the borough of Stourbridge.	Dudley.
	<i>District (d)</i> In Worcestershire, the borough of Halesowen.	Warley. West Bromwich.

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15 <i>continued</i>	<i>District (e)</i> In Warwickshire, the borough of Sutton Coldfield; in the rural district of Meriden, the parishes of Bickenhill, Castle Bromwich, Chelmsley Wood, Coleshill, Fordbridge, Great Packington, Kingshurst, Little Packington and Water Orton.	Birmingham, except for the part in Area 15 (f).
	<i>District (f)</i> In Warwickshire, in the rural district of Meriden, the parishes of Balsall, Barston and Hampton in Arden; in the rural district of Stratford-on-Avon, the parishes of Hockley Heath and Tanworth-in-Arden.	Solihull. In Birmingham, parts of the wards of Acock's Green, Billesley, Fox Hollies and Hall Green.
	<i>District (g)</i> In Warwickshire, in the rural district of Meriden, the parishes of Allesley, Berkswell, Keresley and Meriden.	Coventry.
16	Salop. In Staffordshire, in the rural district of Seisdon, the parishes of Bobbington, Enville, Patshull, Pattingham, Swindon and Trysull and Seisdon.	
17	Herefordshire. Worcestershire, except for the areas in Area 15. In Staffordshire, in the rural district of Seisdon, the parish of Kinver.	Worcester.

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18	Warwickshire, except for the areas in Area 15. In Northamptonshire, in the rural district of Daventry, the parishes of Barby, Crick, Kilsby, Lilbourne and Yelvertoft.	
19	Derbyshire, except for the areas in Areas 7, 12 and 20.	Derby.
20	Nottinghamshire, except for the areas in Area 22. In Derbyshire, the urban district of Long Eaton.	Nottingham.
21	Leicestershire. Rutland.	Leicester.
22	Lincolnshire, Parts of Holland. Lincolnshire, Parts of Kesteven. Lincolnshire, Parts of Lindsey. In Nottinghamshire, in the rural district of Newark, the parishes of Broadholme, Harby and Thorney.	Grimsby. Lincoln.
23	Cornwall.	
24	Devon.	Exeter. Plymouth. Torbay.

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25	Somerset, except for the areas in Area 26.	
26	In Gloucestershire, the urban districts of Kingswood and Mangotsfield; the rural districts of Sodbury, Thornbury and Warmley. In Somerset, the borough of Weston-super-Mare; the urban districts of Clevedon, Frome, Keynsham, Norton-Radstock and Portishead; the rural districts of Bathavon, Clutton, Frome and Long Ashton; in the rural district of Axbridge, the parishes of Badgworth, Banwell, Blagdon, Bleadon, Brean, Burrington, Butcombe, Churchill, Compton Bishop, Congresbury, East Brent, Hutton, Kewstoke, Locking, Loxton, Lympsham, Puxton, Shipham, Weare, Wick St Lawrence, Winscombe and Wrington; the unannexed area adjacent to the urban district of Keynsham; Steep Holme Island.	Bath. Bristol.
27	Gloucestershire, except for the areas in Area 26.	Gloucester.
28	Wiltshire.	
29	Dorset. In Hampshire, the borough of Christchurch; in the rural district of Ringwood and Fordingbridge, the parishes of Christchurch East, Hurn, Ringwood, St. Leonards and St. Ives and Sopley.	Bournemouth.

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30	Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely. Huntingdon and Peterborough. In West Suffolk, the urban districts of Haverhill and Newmarket; in the rural district of Clare, the parishes of Barnardiston, Clare, Great Bradley, Great Thurlow, Great Wrating, Hundon, Kedington, Little Bradley, Little Thurlow, Little Wrating, Monks Risbridge, Stoke-by-Clare, Withersfield and Wixoe; in the rural district of Mildenhall, the parish of Moulton.	
31	Norfolk. In East Suffolk, the boroughs of Beccles, Lowestoft and Southwold; the urban districts of Bungay and Halesworth; the rural districts of Lothingland and Wainford.	Great Yarmouth. Norwich.
32	East Suffolk, except for the areas in Area 31. West Suffolk, except for the areas in Area 30.	Ipswich.
33	Oxfordshire, except for the areas in Area 39. In Berkshire, the boroughs of Abingdon and Wallingford; the urban district of Wantage; the rural districts of Abingdon, Faringdon and Wallingford; in the rural district of Wantage, the parishes of Ardington, Blewbury, Childrey, Chilton, Denchworth, East Challow, East Hanney, East Hendred, Goosey, Grove, Harwell, Letcombe Bassett, Letcombe Regis, Lockinge, Sparsholt, Upton, West Challow, West Hanney, West Hendred. In Northamptonshire, the borough of Brackley; the rural district of Brackley.	Oxford.

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34	Northamptonshire, except for the areas in Areas 18 and 33.	Northampton.
35	Bedfordshire.	Luton.
36	Buckinghamshire, except for the areas in Area 39.	
37	Hertfordshire.	
38	Essex.	Southend-on-Sea.
39	Berkshire, except for the areas in Area 33. In Buckinghamshire, the borough of Slough; the urban district of Eton; the rural district of Eton. In Oxfordshire, the borough of Henley-on-Thames; the rural district of Henley.	Reading.
40	Surrey, except for the areas in Area 43. In Hampshire, the borough of Aldershot; the urban districts of Farnborough and Fleet; in the rural district of Hartley Wintney, the parishes of Brams- hill, Crondall, Crookham Village, Dogmersfield, Eversley, Hartley Wintney, Hawley, Long Sutton, Odiham, South Warnborough, Winchfield and Yateley.	

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41	Kent.	Canterbury.
42	Hampshire, except for the areas in Areas 29 and 40. Isle of Wight.	Portsmouth. Southampton.
43	West Sussex. In East Sussex, the urban districts of Burgess Hill, Cuckfield and East Grinstead; in the rural district of Cuckfield, the parishes of Albourn, Ardingly, Balcombe, Bolney, Clayton, Cuckfield Rural, Horsted Keynes, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Lindfield Rural, Slaugham, Twineham, West Hoathly and Worth. In Surrey, in the rural district of Dorking and Horley, the parish of Charlwood, except for the detached part adjoining the urban district of Reigate.	
44	East Sussex, except for the areas in Area 43.	Brighton. Eastbourne. Hastings.

Estimated Populations and Rateable Values of the Proposed New Counties

Reference number	1970 Population (thousands)	1970 Rateable value (£000)
1	251	8,086
2	1,312	50,422
3	504	17,201
4	696	29,992
5	465	15,749
6	2,193	77,635
7	1,363	52,601
8	535	18,213
9	471	17,009
10	1,351	54,059
11	1,771	71,195
12	2,864	114,762
13	718	31,039
14	925	34,080
15	2,901	135,809
16	345	12,877
17	559	22,124
18	449	18,684
19	790	30,859
20	1,002	42,801
21	776	35,755
22	807	33,252
23	362	12,954
24	896	38,044
25	349	13,009
26	933	42,961
27	468	17,715
28	500	19,505
29	556	29,604
30	534	22,180
31	715	26,992
32	423	15,138
33	483	21,287
34	438	18,684
35	452	25,394
36	414	21,419
37	912	57,281
38	1,343	63,956
39	719	41,341
40	1,140	62,499

Reference number	1970 Population (thousands)	1970 Rateable value (£000)
41	1,394	58,959
42	1,330	61,874
43	583	34,043
44	648	38,416
England except Greater London	38,640*	1,667,459*
Greater London	7,612	673,856
ENGLAND	46,252	2,341,315

*These figures do not include the Isles of Scilly.

**Estimated Populations and Rateable Values of the Proposed
Districts in Metropolitan Counties**

Reference number	1970 Population (thousands)	1970 Rateable value (£000)
2 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e)	331	16,403
	238	8,484
	235	7,952
	182	6,270
	326	11,313
	1,312	50,422
6 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e)	484	16,704
	835	33,871
	194	5,651
	382	11,538
	298	9,871
	2,193	77,635
7 (a) (b) (c) (d)	228	6,568
	285	10,171
	605	27,617
	245	8,245
	1,363	52,601
11 (a) (b) (c) (d)	236	8,759
	705	29,251
	395	13,384
	435	19,801
	1,771	71,195

Reference number	1970 Population (thousands)	1970 Rateable value (£000)
12 (a)	301	10,004
(b)	258	9,012
(c)	292	9,309
(d)	318	12,365
(e)	590	29,667
(f)	279	9,132
(g)	230	12,373
(h)	350	14,884
(j)	246	8,016
	2,864	114,762
15 (a)	292	14,775
(b)	273	11,010
(c)	235	10,663
(d)	392	18,565
(e)	1,168	56,637
(f)	196	9,274
(g)	345	14,885
	2,901	135,809
Total for the proposed metropolitan counties	12,404	502,424

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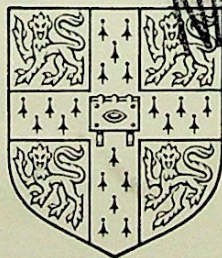
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Metropolitan County

District within Metropolitan County

Existing administrative areas are shown as at 1st April 1970

